

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 14-18, 20 and 22-26 were previously pending in the application. By the Amendment, Claims 3 and 4 are currently amended and Claims 2, 6-8, 10-12, 14-18, 20 and 22-26 unchanged. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of Claims 2, 6, 10, 14, 20 and 22-26 and indication that Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 15-18 include allowable subject matter.

The Examiner objected to the drawings. Applicants have enclosed amended copies of Figs. 6 and 7 identified as "Replacement Sheets" in Appendix A to clarify the drawings. Please replace the old Figs. 6 and 7 with the "Replacement Sheet" pages for Figs. 6 and 7 enclosed in Appendix A. Figs. 6 and 7 have been amended to include a reference character "G" referring to a gap between the ribs 5, 6 and a portion of the wall 3. In Fig. 7, the line depicting the radially outer edge of the rib has been more clearly illustrated such that it does not contact the first portion 30 of the wall 3. Applicants have also amended to specification to include an additional paragraph clarifying the gap between the ribs 5, 6 and a portion of the wall 3 and identifying reference character "G". These elements were previously disclosed in the specification and/or shown in the drawings. No new matter has been added.

Applicants note that in some aspects and in some constructions of the claimed invention, the ribs 5, 6 may or may not contact the first section 30 or the third section 32 of the wall 3. Claim 24 recites that the rib is spaced apart from the second region of the wall.

The Examiner objected to Claims 3 and 4 for having redundant elements. Applicants have amended Claims 3 and 4 to make the appropriate corrections. Applicants have also amended Claim 4 to clarify that it is an independent claim.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 14-18, 20 and 22-26 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. Please note that Applicants have changed representation and are now represented by new counsel. The formal Revocation of Power of Attorney / New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address documents were filed in a previous paper.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig J. Loest", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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APPENDIX A